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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 18, 2002 in the abovereferenced application, Applicants request reconsideration of the patentability of claims 1-34 in view of the following remarks.

Remarks

The Official Final Action dated November 18, 2002 has been carefully considered. The following remarks, are believed sufficient to place this application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Sangekar et al U.S. Patent 5,000,962 in view of the Stupak et al U.S. Patent 5,162,117.

This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested. The combination of the teachings of these two cited references does not suggest the presently claimed invention, or the improvements thereof.